

SAF/LLZ (Legislative Research Team)

DOGGETT, Lloyd (Democrat)
Representative, 10th District, Texas
Elected 1994 to the 104th Congress
Reelected to succeeding Congresses



BACKGROUND

Born: Austin, Texas -- 6 October 1946
Home: Austin, Texas
Marital status: Married (Libby) - two children
Religion: Methodist
Education: Univ of Texas-Austin, B.B.A., 1967; J.D., 1970
Military: None
Profession: Public official; Lawyer

Political: TX Senate, 1972-84. Unsuccessful run for U.S. Senate against Sen Gramm (R) in 1984. Texas State Supreme Court Justice, 1988-94. Defeated A. Jo Baylor (R) in the general election with 56% of the vote for the open seat of retiring Rep J.J. Pickle (D). Reelected in 2000 with 85% of the votes and in 2002 with 84%.

Rep Doggett, a liberal, is considered a "feisty, usually loyal Democratic partisan" (Natl Journal, 26Jan96, p.171) who considers himself an agent of change. Was a consumer advocate in pro-business TX politics. Considers anti-crime issues a top priority and wants provisions to the crime bill to expand the death penalty, increase the number of police officers, and ban assault weapons. Favors boot camps for juvenile offenders and prosecuting youthful third-time violent felons as adults. While a state Senator, wrote the law banning "cop killer" bullets. Wants a health care system that has universal coverage and ensures a choice of physicians, and believes government, individuals, and employers should share the costs of such a system. Strong proponent of campaign finance reform. Objected to the provision agreed to in a HNSC markup of 8/95 (later reversed) that the military retirement formula be changed to High 1.

In the 105th Congress, left the Science Committee and took a seat on Resources.

In the 106th Congress, during consideration of H.R. 4, National Missile Defense, stated that our paramount security goal should be to reduce the nuclear threat, not to raise false promise that we will live happily ever after in the event of an attack. Opposing the bill, criticized missile defense as diverting precious resources away from true military and non-military needs. Offered successful amdt to the State Dept authorization to authorize the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission to determine the validity and amounts of any claims by US nationals against the Gov't of Iraq. Believed that a number of items in the supplemental have nothing to do with the emergency situation in Yugoslavia--they are designed to permit a raid on the Social Security surplus rather than meet the legitimate needs of our military in the Balkans.

In the 107th Congress, Rep Doggett has been critical of the administration's apparent intent to launch a 'go-it-alone' invasion of another country, stating such an approach was "unprecedented in American history, unprecedented in ignoring the warnings of military experts, unprecedented in rejecting the advice of our allies, and most importantly, unprecented in the dangers posed for the safety of American families everywhere."

Additional: Wife is executive director of the Association of Retarded Citizens of Texas
AF Bases: Bergstrom ARB (Bergstrom AFB closed 30Sep93 - Reserve forces remain)

COMMITTEES

WAYS AND MEANS -- Subcs on Social Security; Human Resources